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AIR FREIGHT UP 3.5% IN JANUARY

WASHINGTON, D.C., February 26 -- Air freight was up 3.5 percent in January over the same month a year ago for 21 airlines reporting cargo data to the Air Transport Association, ATA announced today.

Domestic air freight registered a gain of 3.1 percent. The air transportation of mail increased 2.5 percent. Total domestic air cargo, including freight and mail, rose 3.0 percent.

International air freight increased 4.1 percent. Mail declined 6.9 percent, and total international cargo increased 2.6 percent.

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CARGO FLOWN IN SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

U.S. AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

	DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
JANUARY 1987	298,482	103,213	401,695	224,388	31,794	256,182	522,870	657,877
JANUARY 1986	289,415	100,674	390,089	215,626	34,156	249,782	505,041	639,871
PERCENT CHANGE	3.1	2.5	3.0	4.1	(6.9)	2.6	3.5	2.8

NOTE: Carriers included: AirCal, Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental (plus People Express and and New York Air), Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Hawaiian, Northwest, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Southwest, TranStar, Trans World, United, USAir and Western.